



Sir John Cass's Foundation  
Primary School  
Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

## **End of term updates**

Friday, 23 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are several things I would like to update you on as we approach the end of the Easter Term. Please read this letter carefully as it includes the timings of several events in the coming week and some important reminders about procedures in school.

### **PE Kits**

Every child must have their PE kit in school all the time. Kits should be taken home at weekends for washing but otherwise should be kept on children's pegs outside their classrooms. There have been a number of children borrowing each other's kits in Key Stage 2. This is not really acceptable and parents and children are asked to ensure that children are well prepared for their sports lessons.

### **Requests for absences around holiday times**

I have received a number of requests for time out of school either side of the Easter Holiday period. Unless there are exceptional reasons for absences during term time, they will not be authorised. You risk receiving a fine if you take unauthorised leave from school or, if this is persistent, being prosecuted by the local authority. I am thankful however for parents who submit requests for holiday leave rather than claim their child is unwell when they are actually away on holiday. I must say- in relation to our own values as a school- this is particularly distasteful and I urge you not to see this as an acceptable option when thinking about taking leave from school. Such actions put your child in a very difficult position and, in my view, encourages them to be dishonest.

### **Dinner Money**

If your child has school dinners, you must pay for them unless you are entitled to free school meals. If you think you might be eligible, please have a conversation with Claire Bush in the main school office. Over the next couple of weeks we will be getting in touch, by phone, with several parents who have outstanding dinner money debts. You can pay online or at the school office with cash.

### **Year 3 Strings Concert**

Unfortunately, the Class 3 Strings Concert will not be going ahead on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. One of our instrumental teachers has suffered a bereavement in the family and cannot be here in London next week. We will keep you posted about a new date just after the Easter Holidays.

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### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

It's the annual Easter Bonnet contest on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Children are invited to come wearing a hat. Judging will take place on the main playground from around 9.05am so do hang around to see the wonderful creations. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries.

### **Year 3 and 4 Performing Arts**

Our Easter Production will be taking place in school at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch.

### **Easter Egg Roll**

It's our annual egg roll on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Everyone is invited to take part, but you will need to bring in a hard-boiled egg to join in. There must be no modifications made to the egg although children are free to design a box to carry it in. We will be rolling eggs from 10am. You are warmly invited to attend.

### **Maundy Thursday**

We're having a special service on Maundy Thursday which includes the washing of each other's feet- just as Jesus did to his disciples. Children are invited to volunteer if they wish to take part in this service. It will take place on the last day of term at 12 noon on the roof garden.

School closes for the Easter Holidays at 1.30pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'T Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Wilson  
Headteacher